

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AGRI BUSINESS CENTRE AND AGRI CLINICS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Agri-business Centre and Agri-clinic are in operation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is satisfied with their working;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The agricultural graduates are provided training and hand holding support under the Scheme 'Establishment of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres' for setting up these Centres in self-employment mode. The aim of the Scheme is to provide fee based extension and other services to the farmers. Financial assistance for setting up these Centres is also available through the banking sector.

The scheme is open to all the States. State-wise details of candidates trained and Centres established are given at Annexure.

(c) to (e): As these Centres are being set up in self-employment mode, its success depends upon a number of factors viz. initiative and commitment of trained agricultural graduates, quality of training imparted and hand holding provided, level of investment and risk bearing capacity, entrepreneurial skills, market opportunities, quality of services provided, etc.

Annexure

PROGRESS OF AGRICLINICS AND AGRIBUSINESS CENTRES (ACABCs) SCHEME Period From : 01/04/2002 To 23/2/2005

S.No. Name of the State No. of Graduates Trained ACABCs Established

ANDHRA PRADESH	427	118
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0
ASSAM	33	8
BIHAR	693	137
CHANDIGARH	0	0
CHATTISGARH	29	13
GOA	0	0
GUJRAT	324	91
HARYANA	102	12
HIMACHAL PRADESH	18	1
JAMMU & KASHMIR	81	1
JHARKHAND	174	6
KARNATAKA	651	261
KERALA	124	8
MADHYA PRADESH	330	84
MAHARASTRA	935	265
MANIPUR	86	3
MEGHALAYA	0	0
MIZORAM	0	0
NAGALAND	1	0
NEW DELHI	0	0
ORISSA	376	41
PONDICHERY	5	1
PUNJAB	61	12
RAJASTHAN	891	215
SIKKIM	0	0

TAMIL NADU	265	59
TRIPURA	0	0
UTTAR PRADESH	689	177
UTTARANCHAL	113	11
WEST BENGAL	159	10
TOTAL	6567	1534